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Four reports on the port of Odessa

on Soviet naval vessels

These reports contain information

and Soviet and foreign merchant vessels in port. Some very general information on port installations and activity is also included.

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1. Soviet Naval Vessel: A Soviet destroyer was observed eight to ten miles off Odessa on an easterly course at 25-30 knots. #2

2. Merchant Vessels: A 20,000 ton vessel with "paddle boxes" was moored at the Grain Wharf just inside the entrance to the Quarantine Harbor. This ship had one stack and two masts. [redacted] this ship was powered by two engines and was capable of 17 knots.

Two dry cargo vessels, of approximately 15,000 tons each, which had been damaged by the Germans during World War II, were being repaired in the Quarantine Harbor.

Twenty large loaded barges and a tugboat were moored at anchor one mile off the Petroleum Harbor.

3. Port Facilities: A large floating crane was moored in the Quarantine Harbor.
4. October Revolution Anniversary: On 7 November the larger buildings in Odessa were decorated with Soviet flags. The doors and windows of public buildings were festooned with light bulbs and pictures of Lenin were very much in evidence. There were no pictures of Stalin in sight.
5. Economic Conditions: There were long lines of people in Odessa waiting to buy groceries. Shorter lines were formed at clothing stores.

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1. Fidonesi (Serpent) Island (45°16'N., 30°13'E.).

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[redacted]
[redacted] A large radar unit, anti-aircraft guns, two trucks
and some "two wheeled" vehicles were observed.

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2. [redacted]

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3. Soviet Naval Vessels: A naval vessel on station off the entrance to Odessa Harbor communicated by blinker light with a signal station in the harbor.

A destroyer, 130-135 meters in length, [redacted]
[redacted] was moored approximately three to four cables lengths off the "western wharf". This ship had two stacks raked aft, a tall mast forward and a shorter one aft. The raised forecastle extended slightly abaft the bridge. Six guns of approximately 15 cm. bore were carried in two turrets with twin mounts forward and one turret aft. Anti-aircraft armament was carried amidships and aft. Radar of various types was mounted on the main mast. The hull was painted a dark blue.

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4. Merchant Vessels: A small Bulgarian motor vessel unloaded Bulgarian tomato juice in the Quarantine Harbor and loaded iron pipes of 20-25 cm. diameter. [redacted] the pipe was destined for Varna.

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5. Construction and Repair Activity: A tanker and three dry cargo vessels were being repaired alongside the mole forming the north-eastern entrance to the Quarantine Harbor.

6. Industrial Products for Export: Large quantities of steel construction

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material, coils of six to ten m.m. steel rods, steel bars and water pipes of various sizes were stored in the port. This material covered a space 20 to 30 meters in width extending from the seaward end of the mole forming the eastern side of Quarantine Harbor around to the New Harbor.

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1. Coastal Patrols: Coast Guard vessels [redacted] with search lights [redacted] ~~## 4~~

2. Air Activity: [redacted] three to five jet aircraft with swept-back wings flew over the harbor area.

3. Merchant Vessels: [redacted] A Bulgarian vessel off-loaded apples and wine alongside the mole at the eastern entrance to the Quarantine Harbor. It later moved to a berth in the extreme western end of the Quarantine Harbor where it loaded steel and machinery.

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4. Export Products: Large quantities of iron pipes, machinery, crated material and other commodities were stored along the entire length of the mole forming the eastern side of the Quarantine Harbor.

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1. Soviet Patrol Activity: [REDACTED]
Soviet patrol [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] vessels had single stacks, raked aft, a mast forward and a small mast aft. A single gun was mounted in a turret at bow and stern. Anti-aircraft guns were carried amidships. Torpedo tubes were mounted on each vessel.

2. [REDACTED]

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3. Soviet Naval Vessels: Approximately 18-20 destroyers, minesweepers and patrol vessels were moored in Pratique Harbor.
4. Floating Docks: There were three floating docks in the Repairing Basin. Cargo vessels were being repaired in all of these docks.
5. Diving Operations: Six tenders employed in diving operations were moored between Reidovl Mole and the Main Breakwater.

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